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REMARKS

Claims 1-31 remain pending herein.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9-12, 15, 17-19 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Appln. Pub. 2003/0197197 ("Brown"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and its supporting remarks.

The organic electronic device structure of present claim 1 requires:

- (a) a first portion comprising a substrate and an organic electronic device region disposed over the substrate;
- (b) a second portion comprising a cover and a getter region; and
- (c) a radiation-cured, pressure-sensitive adhesive layer
 - (1) disposed between said first and second portions and adhering said first and second portions to one another, said adhesive layer being
 - (2) disposed over the entire organic electronic device region and at least a portion of the substrate.

The Examiner is of the opinion that Brown discloses such a device structure. Applicant respectfully disagrees and asserts that the reference does not teach the unique combination of elements set forth in the present claims. According to the Office Action under reply and with reference to Figs. 3 and 4:

... Brown et al. discloses ... a first portion comprising a substrate 110 and an organic electronic device region (OLED) 116 disposed over the substrate 110; a second portion comprising a cover 120 and single getter region 118 wherein the single getter region is provided on the surface of the cover 120; and an ultraviolet-radiation-curing-pressure-sensitive adhesive layer 130 disposed between the first and second portions ... and adhering the first and second portions to one another ... and being disposed over the entire OLED 116 and at least a portion of the substrate....

(Emphasis added.) Despite the assertions in the Office Action, Brown does not specifically disclose a device having both "a second portion comprising a cover 120 and

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a single getter region 118" and "an ultraviolet -radiation-curing-pressure-sensitive adhesive layer 130 ... being disposed over the entire OLED 116".

While the embodiment of Fig. 4 discloses a second portion comprising cover 120 and single getter region 118, it does not disclose the adhesive layer 130 as being disposed over the entire OLED 116. Instead, in the embodiment of Figure 4, adhesive layer 130 is in the form of a ring, leaving a space disposed over OLED 116, the space being devoid of adhesive layer material, which is, of course, the very antithesis of being disposed over the entire OLED 116 as claimed.

Conversely, while the embodiment of Figure 3 discloses the adhesive layer 130 as being disposed over the entire OLED 116, it does not disclose a second portion comprising a cover and a getter region 118.

Thus, the embodiment of Figure 4, fails to meet element (c)(2) of present claim 1 and the embodiment of Figure 3 fails to meet element (b) of present claim 1. In fact, nowhere within the cited reference was there found disclosed a device that meets all of the limitations of present claim 1 as required for a finding of anticipation.

The standards for anticipation are high. As indicated in MPEP 2131 (emphasis added), to be an anticipatory reference:

"The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Moreover, the elements must be arranged as required by the claim, ... [although] identity of terminology is not required. *In re Bond*, 910 F.2d 831, 15 USPQ2d 1566 (Fed. Cir. 1990). (Emphasis added.)

Brown does not meet these requirements for the reasons detailed above.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Brown are respectfully requested.

Allowable subject matter.

Claim 20 is allowable.

Restriction/Election

This reply has shown that all claims being examined, including generic claim 1, are in condition for allowance.

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Consequently, Applicant requests that the restriction requirement as to the encompassed non-elected species of claims 4, 6, 8, 13, 14 and 16 be withdrawn as required by MPEP 809.02(c), since these claims depend from allowable generic claim 1.

Similarly, claims 22-31 are withdrawn process claims that depend, directly or indirectly, from allowable product claim 1. As noted in MPEP 821.04, if applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim are to be rejoined.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims of the present invention are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited.

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The Office is authorized to charge any fees required, to deposit account number 50-1047.

Respectfully submitted,

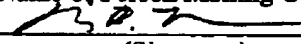


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